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COUNTY OFFERS ANIMAL SERVICES CLINICS

Rabies Shots, Microchipping, Dog Licenses, Coupons for Spaying and Neutering Available

The County Department of Animal Services will offer low-cost rabies vaccinations, dog licensing and microchips during animal clinics in Santee and Bonita.

The services will be available from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21 at Big Rock Park at 8125 Arlette Street in Santee and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday, May 22 at the South County Animal Shelter at 5821 Sweetwater Road in Bonita.

With proof of a dog license, the Department will microchip dogs for a one-time fee of \$20. Moreover, owners who have never licensed their dogs or have allowed their licenses to lapse will be offered amnesty from any late fees. Dog licenses, which are required by law, may be purchased for one, two, or three years.

Cats can also get microchips, but there is no requirement for them to be licensed.

"A microchip is a small transponder, the size of a grain of rice, which is injected under the skin and remains there for the life of the pet," said Dawn Danielson, director of the Department of Animal Services. "All stray animals that come into our shelters are scanned, and if there's a microchip, we can locate the owner's information. Microchipping provides pet owners peace of mind."

Rabies vaccinations for dogs (four months or older) and cats (three months or older) will be available for \$5.

The County will also be offering pet owners a \$40 coupon to have their animals spayed or neutered. The coupons, which are accepted by veterinarians throughout the County, are available to residents of the unincorporated areas of the County and the cities of Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, San Diego, and Santee.

For more information, you may contact the Department at (619) 236-4250 or visit its Web site at www.sddac.com. For the protection of owners and their pets, dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier.

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